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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 609

By West

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Andrew Depp McDole  
on the celebration of his 2nd birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their lives; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Depp McDole, formerly Tran Thanh Diep, will celebrate his 2nd birthday on April 15, 2000, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, the son of Lee Andrew McDole, Andrew was born at Ba Ria in the province of Vung Tau, which is located on the South China Sea in South Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, after a 23-day visit by his adoptive father and grandmother, Lee McDole and Joyce McDole, respectively, little Andrew was adopted by this loving family in Vietnam on June 11, 1999; and

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2000, Judge Muriel Robinson presided over the readoption of Andrew in the great state of Tennessee, officially making Andrew the newest member of the loving McDole family; and

WHEREAS, the international adoption was made possible through Children's Hope International, an organization that functions as a liaison between the United States and Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, Andrew has adjusted quite well since his arrival into the United States; he attends Andrew Price Play School, where his Aunt Karen is a teacher five days a week; he is learning many new words and is now with putting together small sentences; and

WHEREAS, endeavoring to teach him to love the Lord and to lead an exemplary Christian life, the McDole family has attended Donelson Cumberland Presbyterian Church with Andrew since the first Sunday after his arrival in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Andrew's adoption and arrival in Tennessee were events of great joy for the entire McDole family, particularly Lee McDole, who has been able to realize his dream of being a father; and

WHEREAS, we wish to take this opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most special citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Andrew Depp McDole on the celebration of his 2nd birthday and extend to him our best wishes for a life full of joy, hope, and security, in addition to much success and happiness as a future American citizen.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.